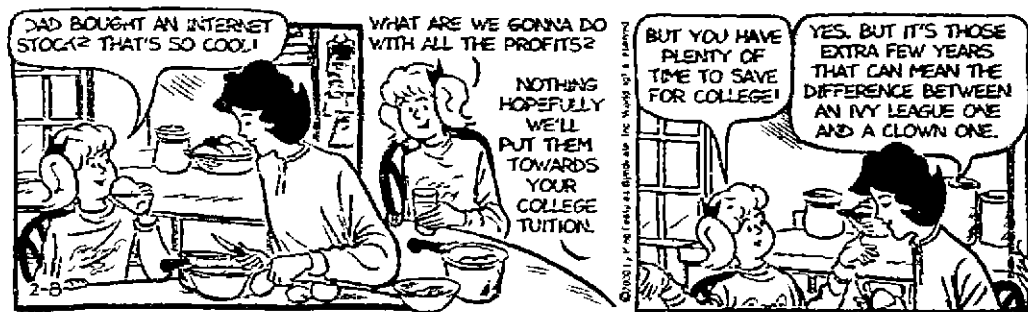


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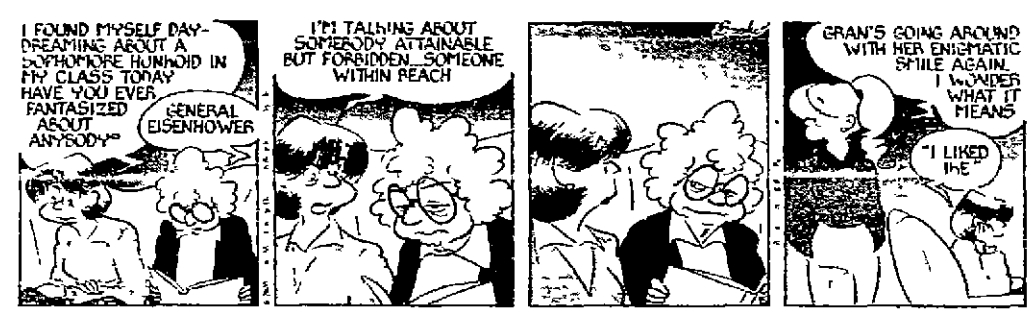
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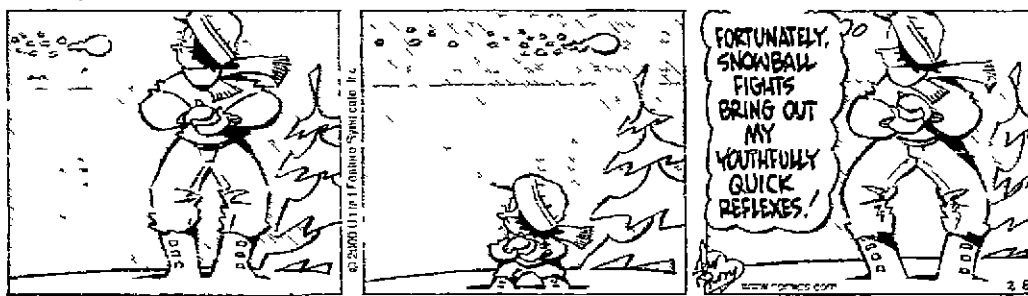
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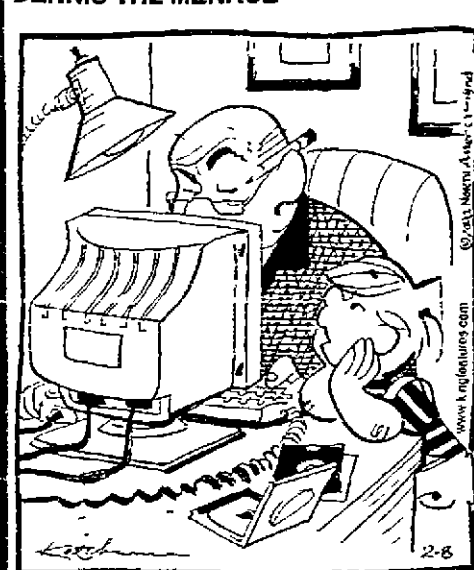
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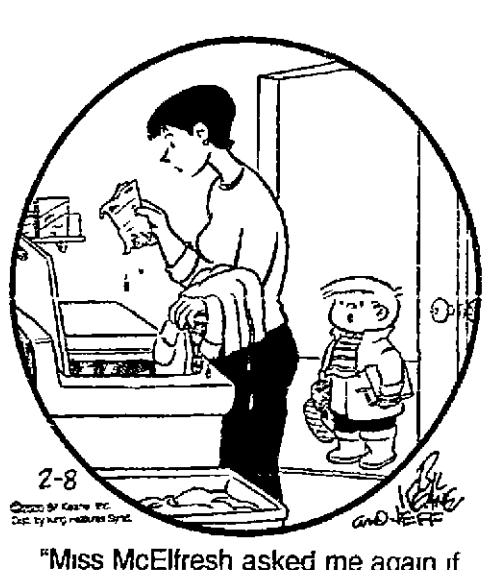
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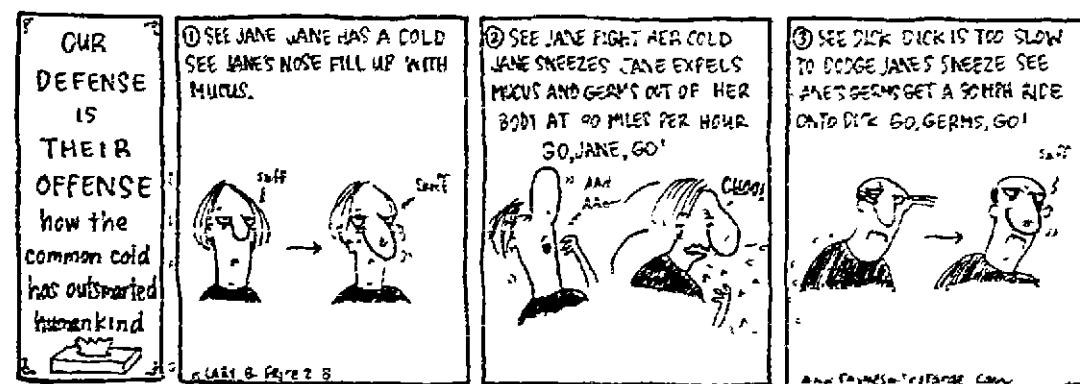
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Jack Lemmon is 75
Composer-conductor John Williams is 68
ABC News anchor Ted Koppel is 60
Actor Nick Nolte is 59
Comedian Robert Klein is 58
Country singer Dan Seals is 52
Singer Ron Tyson is 52
Actress Brooke Adams is 51
Actress Mary Steenburgen is 47
Author John Grisham is 45
Actor Gary Coleman is 32
Actress Mary McCormack is 31

I NEED HELP



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R	T	W	H	N	E	I	TYPE Word Score
R	O	T	T	T	S	W	RACK 2
U	F	D	N	A	E	Z	DOUBLE Word Score
G	P	Y	R	M	H	A	4th Letter Triple

PAR SCORE 165-175
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OGSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2-8

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Feb. 9

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Do as little as possible today. Aries, unless you want to find yourself in some legal hot water.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You don't have to carry the weight of the world on your shoulders.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Speak your mind clearly today in order to avoid miscommunications.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) When the moon is in Pisces your mind has a tendency to wander.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Listen to your intuition when making a major decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Try not to get too frustrated when someone else moves at a slower pace than you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Keep your head down and your eyes on the main objective today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't be afraid to go for what you really want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A telephone call or letter from an old friend or relative puts you in a nostalgic mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Getting together with friends and relatives should be high on your priority list.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Being compassionate is something you should try to work on today.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) As the moon leaves your house, take advantage of the opportunity to rediscover yourself.

WORD SLEUTH

BORN IN THE '50S

O S Q R N K I F D A X V T Q A
T O M J O H F C A Y W U R T P
S R N D L N J S H G E F L D B
Z E E A R N H A R D T O X V T
R Q T V P I I O I O V O A P M
K I H A E A B R W A N F N R D
B Z Y W G S Y Y R A J N N I V
T R Q N O L I T R E R R O N N
L K I I L H L R O R F D D C F
D T H A R P O I H N A C A E C
S A S Z X W V U B C S L M R Q

Monday's unlisted clue: NAP

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: WINFREY

Bill Gates	Dr. J	McFerry	Sally Ride
Borg	Earnhardt	Payton	Sting
Chris Evert	Larry Bird	Prince	Travolta
Connors	Madonna	Ron Howard	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Today's deceptive pearl was played in a European tournament years ago. It provides an excellent example of how bold play, a poker face and an unwillingness to surrender might help one to avert certain defeat. In the average game, if West is imaginative enough to lead his heart king, South has good reason for regrets. And if South is depressed enough over the accurate lead, he might surrender. If hearts are 4-4, I make the game. If they are 5-3, I go down one. What did a Swedish champion do against the killing heart lead? He kept a poker face and let his cards do the talking. On West's heart king, South dropped a pugnacious 10. And when West continued with his queen, South dropped an equally hostile jack. When West continued with his nine, what was East to believe? If West had led from K-Q-9-8, an overtake by East would block the suit, conceding nine winners to South. Understandably, East played low, allowing West's nine to hold the trick and fully expecting to win West's next heart lead. Horrors! When South dropped the eight, East knew he had been had. Instead of South going down one, his combative stance earned him an overtrick and gave his opponents something to remember.

NORTH ♠ 9 6 2 ♥ 3 4 ♦ A J 8 ♣ A Q J 9 5	EAST ♠ A Q J 7 5 ♥ A 7 6 3 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ 10 2
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SOUTH
♠ A K 8
♥ J 10 8
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ K 7 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South 1NT West 2NT North 3NT East All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

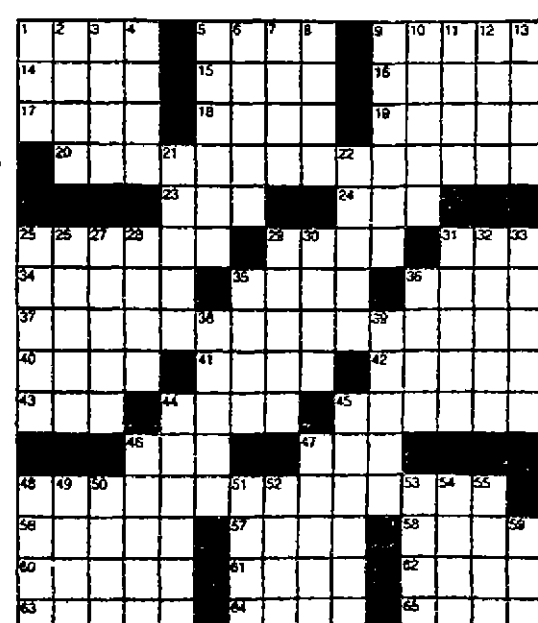
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1228

- ACROSS**
- Charlie Parker's music
 - High-five sound
 - "Gunga Din" setting
 - Fortune teller's beginning
 - Adorable
 - Has to have
 - It has a broad side
 - Cupid
 - Lowlands, to poets
 - Black eye
 - Do something
 - Master's Voice
 - It goes from C to C
 - Analogous
 - "Rosenkavalier"
 - Detergent target
 - Rose's Broadway beau
 - Lavish attention (on)
 - Red-eye
 - "Mrs. Bridge" author Cornell
 - Abbr. in many company names
 - Lancelot's attire
 - Room to relax in
 - Peter or Paul
 - On pins and needles
 - Prior to, to Prior
 - Genetic units
 - Pinkeye
 - Bum soothers
 - Carry on
 - Opposed
 - Color family
 - Jai
 - Lute shape
 - Like a sweep's uniform
 - End-of-class signal
 - Pound of poetry
- DOWN**
- Triangular sail
 - Job order notation
 - Delinately a flunking score
 - Founder of Stoicism
 - Like cabs on a rainy day
 - "Serpico" director Sidney
 - Resting on
 - Where the Amazon rises
 - To no avail
 - Foot oil
 - Pickle purveyor
 - Logical start?
 - Org.
 - Poe called it "grim, ungainly, ghastly, gaunt and ominous"
 - Chop snoop supplier
 - Gawked at
 - Hunger for
 - Moon of Saturn
 - "Right on!"
 - Dislike, and then some
 - Do-it-yourselfers needs

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

C	O	M	A	S	C	A	R	M	O	R	E	S	
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A	S	T	H	E	W	O	R	L	D	T	U	R	N
I	L	I	A	A	B	E	S	E	S	T	E	T	
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E	N	I	D	U	P	I							
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Puzzle by Randall J. Hartman

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 31 Doctrine | 47 Letterman, to Leno | 51 Grouch |
| 32 Cultural values | 48 "Memory" musical | 52 Whopper |
| 33 Take another shot | 49 Mixed bag | 53 End of a dash |
| 35 Taj Mahal site | 50 Eating peas with a knife, e.g. | 54 Don Juan's mother |
| 36 Awful | | 55 Top banana |
| 38 "Ghosts" playwright | | 59 Author Levin |

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